

ARTICLES
TO BE ENQVIRED
of, in the Diocesse of
Norwich.

In the ordinarie Visitation of the Reue-
rend Father in God, FRANCIS, Lord
Bishop of NORVVICH.

Anno Domini 1629.



Imprinted at LONDON by
JOHN BILL. 1629.



The forme of the Oath to bee ministred vnto the Church-war- dens and Side-men.

YOU shall sweare, that you, and euery of you,
shall duely consider, and diligently enquire,
of all and euery of these Articles giuen you
in charge; and that all affection, fauour, hope of re-
ward and gaine, or feare of displeasure, or malice set
aside; you shall present all and euery such per-
son, of, or within your Parish, as hath committed
any offence, or made any default mentioned in
these, or any of these Articles; or which are vehe-
mently suspected or defamed of any such offence
or default: wherein you shall deale vprightly and
fully; neither presenting, nor sparing to present a-
ny, contrary to truth; hauing in this action God
before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to main-
taine truth and vertue, and to suppress vice. So
helpe you God, and the holy Contents of this
Booke.



ARTICLES TO BE
ENQUIRED OF, IN
the Diocesse of NORVVICH:
ANNO DOM. 1629.

Articles concerning Religion and Doctrine.

Titul. I.

1 **W**hether be there any abiding, or resorting, to your Parish, that haue wilfully maintained and defended any heresies, errours, or false opinions, contrary to the faith of Christ and holy Scripture.

Heretizall opinions,

2 Item, Whether doth any in your parish, being 16, yeres of age or upwards, or others, lodging, or commonly resorting to any house in your Parish, wilfully absent themselves from your Parish Church, Chappell, or Oratorie, vpon Sundayes and Holy-dayes, and other dayes appointed, at Morning and Euening prayers. Or who come late to Church, and depart from Church, before diuine Service and Sermon be ended, Or whether be there any that perswade others to forbear and abstaine comming to Church to heare diuine Service, and receiue the holy Communion, according to his Maiesties Lawes in that behalfe enacted.

Absence from Church,

3 Item, Whether be there any in your Parish, that haue beene, or is vehemently suspected to haue beene present at any unlawfull assemblies, conuenticles, or meetings, vnder colour or pretence of any exercise of Religion; or doeth any affirme and maintaine such meeting to be lawfull, contrary to his Maiesties Statutes in that behalfe.

Unlawfull Conuenticles,

4. Item, Whether bee there any within your Parish, that deny, or perswade

Impugnart of the Kings Supremacie.

Articles.

perswade any to deny, withstand, and impugne the Kings Majesties authoritey and Supremacie in causes Ecclesiasticall within his Realme.

5. Item, Whether be there any abiding, or resorting to your Parish, that be, or are commonly reputed to bee ill affected in matters of Religion professed in our Church or taken to bee Recusant Papists, refusing to repaire vnto the Church to heare diuine Seruice, and receiue the holy Communion, and being disobedient to his Highnesse Lawes in that behalfe provided. Or doe any publish, sell, or disperse any superstitious bookes or writings; or other bookes, libells, or writings of any lecturaries touching the Religion, State or Ecclesiasticall gouernement of this Kingdome of England. Present their names, qualities, and conditions. Doeth any Papist keepe a Schoolemaster in his house, which commeth not to Church as is required. What is his name, and how long hath he taught there or else where.

Titul. 2.

Articles concerning publike Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments.

drauing the
ke of Com-
mon prayer, and
ceremonies.

First, Whether hath any of your Parish spoken or declared any thing, in the derogation, or depauiing of the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, and Administration of the Sacraments, Rites, and Ceremonies, set forth and prescribed in the Booke of common Prayer by the Kings Majestie authorised and confirmed. Doe any preach, speake, or declare, that it containeth any thing which is not agreeable to the holy Scriptures.

drauing any
alter to alter
forme of
common prayer.

2. Item, Whether hath any in your Parish caused, procured, or maintained any Minister to say any common or publike Prayer, or to administer either of the Sacraments of Baptisme and the Lords Supper otherwise, or in any other manner and forme then is mentioned in the said Booke of Common Prayer. Or whether hath any interrupted, hindered, let, or disturbed the Minister to reade diuine Seruice, and administer the Sacraments, in such manner and forme as is mentioned in the said Booke, or interrupted him in his Preachings and Sermons.

drauing of
forme of
prayer, and
ceremonies.

3. Item, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme rightly and duely administered according to the prescript forme expressed in the booke of Common Prayer with due obseruation of all Rites and Ceremonies.

Articles.

remones prescribed in the administration of the same, without adding, or altering any part or parcell of any prayers, interrogatories, or not using the signe of the Crosse in the administration of the same.

4 Item, Whether is the administration of the Sacrament of Baptisme deferred longer then the next Sunday or Holiday immediately following the birth of the Child.

Deferring of Baptisme.

5 Item, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme refused to be administered to any children borne in or out of wedlocke, their birth being made known to the Minister of the parish, and offered unto him to be baptized, or haue any such children died unbaptized.

Children refused to be baptized, or dying without Baptisme.

6 Item, Whether bee the Parents of any child to be baptized, admitted to be godfathers, and godmothers to the same.

Parents of children admitted Godfathers.

7 Item, Whether haue there any children beene baptized in priuate houses by any Lay person, or midwife, or Popish Priest, or by any other Minister, but vpon vrgent occasion when the child was in danger of death.

Private Baptisme

8 Item, Whether haue the children which haue beene borne to any Popish Recusants, or begotten by them in your parish, beene publicly baptized in your parish Church by your Parson, Vicar, or Curate; or by whom were they baptized, or where to your knowledge.

Baptizing of Papists children.

9 Item, Whether hath the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper beene duely and reuerently administered euery moneth, or thrice euery yeere at least, whereof once at Easter, within your Parish Church to euery parishioner being of sixteene yeeres of age, or by wards.

Receiuing of the Lords Supper thrice a yeere.

10 Item, Whether is the said holy Sacrament deliuered vnto, or receiued by any of the Communicants within your Parish, that vnreuerently sit or stand, or doe not deuoutly and humbly kneele vpon their knees.

Kneeling at the Communion.

11 Item, Whether hath any of your parish which be openly knownen to liue in notorious sinne without repentance, or excommunicate persons, or Schismatikes, common and notorious depraues of the Religion and gouernment of this Realme, without vnfained sorrow shewen for their impiety and wickednesse, beene admitted to be partaker of the said holy Communion.

Notorious offenders admitted to the Communion.

12 Item, Whether hath any of your parish beene debarred from the said holy Communion without iust cause, and without intimation first giuen to the Ordinary, or Bishop of the Dioces: and by whose default.

Debarring others without cause.

Articles.

Titul. 3.

Articles concerning the Church, the Ornaments thereof, and the Churches possessions.

Bookes and ornaments in the Church.

First, Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell, the whole Bible of the largest volume, and of the last translation, the Booke of common Prayer, lately set forth by his Maiesties authoritie, the two bookes of Homilies, and Bishop Jewels Apologie, all well and fairely bound: A Font of stone set vp in the ancient vsuall place: A conuenient and decent communion Table, with a carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, continually laid vpon the Table at time of diuine Seruice, and a faire linnen cloth at the time of administering the Communion. And whether is the same Table placed conueniently as it ought. And whether is it vsed in or out of time of diuine Seruice or Sermon, as is not agreeable to the holy vse of it; as by sitting on it, and by throwing hats on it, or writing on it; or is it abused to other prophane vses. Are the ten Commandements set vpon the east end of your Church, with other sentences of Scripture about.

Abusing of the Communion Table.

Things appertaining to Churches.

2 Item, Whether haue you in your said Church or Chappell, a conuenient seat for your Minister to read diuine Seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same; a comely, large, and fine Surplice, a faire communion Cup, a Flagon of silver, or pewter, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of diuine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments: and whether haue you a Chest for almes, with three lockes and keyes, and another Chest for keeping the Bookes and ornaments of the Church, and the Register Booke. Haue you a Register Booke in parchment for Christnings, Weddings, and Burials, and is the same kept in all points according to the Canons. And haue you a Table set in your Church of the degrees wherein by law men are prohibited to marry.

Register bookes.

Reparations of Churches, and parsonage houses.

3 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappel, with the Chauncell thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage house, your Parish Almshouse and Church-house in good reparations; and are they imployed to godly, and their right holy vses: if any bee ruinated and wasted, in whom is the default. Is your Church, Chauncell, and Chappell decently and comely kept, aswell within as without, and bee the Seates well maintained, the Steeple and Belles preserved, the Windows well glazed, or any part of the Church, or Chauncell windows daubed or closed vp with Board, Lime, or Stone, the floore kept paved, plaine, and even, and all things in orderly and

Articles.

and decent sort, without dust, or any thing that may bee either noysome or vnseemely for the house of God, as is prescribed in an Homily to that effect, and the 85 Canon. Keeping cleane of Churches.

4 Item, How often haue you presented vnto the Commissaries, and Officers Court, the want of reparations of your Church, Chancell, Chappell, or your Vicarage and Parsonage houses. What dismission Fees haue you payed to the Register since the last Visitation, the faults being not amended.

5 Item, Whether bee your Churchyards well fenced, and kept without abuse; if not, whose default is it: hath any person encroached vpon the ground of the Churchyard. Haue any vser a place consecrated to holy vse profanely or wickedly: haue any quarrelled, or stricken another in Church or Churchyard: haue any annoyed your Churchyard, or the fence thereof, by putting in of cattell, by hanging of cloathes, or by laying there any dust, dung, or other filthinesse. Fencing and keeping the Churchyard.

6 Item, Whether is your Church full, or vacant of an Incumbent; if vacant, who receiueth the fruits thereof, and who serueth the Cure, and by what authoritie: And whether is it a Parsonage, Vicaridge, or Donatiue, or Appropriation. Churches vacant.

7 Item, What legacies haue beene giuen to the vse and benefite of your Church, how they haue beene bestowed: who receiued them, and deteineth them without due imployment, Doeth any detain or embezell any of the Church goods, or any other gifts giuen to charitable vses. Concealing of Church goods.

8 Item, Whether is there any erecting of pewes, or innouating of seats in your Church by any priuate man of his owne authoritie: and what seats haue beene so built, and by whose procurement, and by what authoritie. Erecting vp seats and pews.

9 Item, Whether hath any in your parish defaced, or caused to bee defaced any monuments or ornaments in your Church. Defacing of seemely Ornaments.

10 Item, Whether hath any Popish Recusant being lawfully excommunicate, beene entered or buried in your Church or Churchyard, before absolution of that censure and excommunication: if yea, then by whom, and when. Burying of Popish Recusants.

11 Item, Whether bee not the profits, tithes, and other commodities Ecclesiasticall, impiously and wickedly to the dishonour of Almighty God, and prejudice of the sacred Ministry, conuerted to the vse and benefite of couetous Patrons, and by them receiued and detained, and how long haue they beene so vser to your knowledge. Alienation of tithes and profits of the Church.

12 Item,

Articles.

A Terrier of
Glebelands, and
other posses-
sions of the
Church,

12 Item, Whether you haue the Terrier of all the Gleab-lands, meadowes, gardens, orchards, houses, stockes, implements, tenements, and portions of Tythes (whether within your Parish or without) belonging vnto your parsonage or Vicaridge, taken by the view of honest men in your said Parish. And whether the said Terrier bee laid vp in the Bishops Registry, and in whose hands are any of them now. And if you haue no Terrier already made in parchment, you the Churchwardens and Sidermen, together with your Parson or Vicar, or in his absence your Curate, are to make diligent enquirie, and presentment of the premises, and make, subscribe, and signe the said Terrier, as aforesaid.

Titul. 4.

Articles concerning Ministers, and Preachers of Gods holy Word.

Degrees of Mi-
nisters.

First, Whether is your Minister, Parson, Vicar, or Curate, a Graduate in either of the Universities, or no: if yea, then of what degree. Is hee a publike preacher of Gods word, and by whom is hee so licensed.

Observation of
the forme, and
time of com-
mon Prayer,
and the Sacra-
ments.

2 Item, Whether doth your Minister distinctly, and reuerently say Diuine Seruice vpon Sundayes and Holydayes, and other dayes appointed to bee obserued by the booke of Common Prayer, as Wednesdayes, and Fridayes, and the Eues of euery Sunday and Holyday, at fit and vsuall times. And doth your Minister duely obserue the orders, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the said booke of Common Prayer, as well in reading all publike Prayers, and the Letany, as also in administering the Sacraments, solemnization of Matrimonie, visitation of the sick, burying the dead, churching of women, and all other like Rites, and Offices of the Church, in like manner and forme, as in the said booke of Common Prayer is enioyned, without any omission or addition of any thing. And doth hee read the booke of the last Canons peereley.

Continuall
wearing of the
Surplice.

3 Item, Whether doth your Minister alwayes, and at every time both morning and evening, reading Diuine Seruice, and administering the Sacraments, and other Rites of the Church, weare the Surplice according to the Canons, and doth hee neuer omit wearing of the same at such times.

Observation of
Rites.

4 Item, Whether doth your Minister bid Holydayes and Fasting dayes, as is appointed. Doth he administer the holy Communion euery

Articles.

ry moneth, or thrice in the yeere at least, whereof once at Easter, to euery Parishioner: doth he receiue the same himselfe on euery day that he administred it to others, and bleseth hee the words of Institution, according to the Booke, without alteration, at euery time that the Bread and Wine is renewed. Doth hee vse and neuer omit the signe of the Crosse in Baptisme, or doth hee euer baptize in any Vason, or other thing but the vsuall font. Doth he marry without a Ring, or in times prohibited, or without the Banes thrice published, without a speciall Licence from the Archbishop, or Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chancellour first had and obtained.

5 Item, Whether is your Minister a Preacher licenced or no: If no, whether doth hee take vpon him in his owne Cure or elsewhere to expound any Scripture or matter of doctrine, and doth not keepe himselfe onely to the reading of Homilies published by Authoritie: if so, then you are to present the same, the time and place where hee did it. And if hee be licenced, doth hee preach vsually according to the 45. Canon, in his owne Cure, or some other neighbour Church, where no Preacher is: doth hee preach standing, and with his hat off. Or whether doth he or his Curate vpon euery Sunday when there is no Sermon, reade an Homily, or some part thereof, according as hee ought to doe.

Preachers without licence, Reading Homilies when there is no Sermon.

6 Item, Whether doth your Minister publish in his Sermons, any doctrine which is new and strange, and disagreeing from the word of God, and from the Articles of Christian Faith and Religion agreed on and published An. Dom. 1562. or whether doth hee teach any thing, which hee would haue the people religiously to obserue, and beleue, but that which is agreeable to the Scriptures, and that which the Catholike Fathers and ancient Bishops haue gathered out of that doctrine, according to the Canon.

Preaching of false doctrine, and new opinions.

7 Item, Whether is any Minister admitted to preach in your Church, who doth not before the Churchwardens subscribe his name in your booke for that purpose; the day when he preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom he had licence to preach. And is any one admitted to preach before he hath shewed his licence.

Names of strange Preachers to bee taken.

8 Item, Doth any Preacher in your pulpit particularly impugne and confute any doctrine deliuered by other his fellow Preachers, before hee hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocesse therewith, and receiued order from him what to doe in that case.

Opposition of Preachers in their Sermons.

9 Item, Doth your Minister vse alwayes to pray for the Kings Ma-
iestic,

Praying for his Maestie, &c.

Articles.

lettie, the Queene, Clergie, Councell, &c. giuing them their full titles, as in the Canon is required.

Non residence
of the Minister.

10 Item, Whether is your Minister resident vpon his Benefice, or absent; if absent, by whom is the Cure serued, the fruits receiued. Doth your Minister or Curate serue any moze cures then one: if yea, then what other Cure doth he serue, and how farre are they distant.

Catechizing.

11 Item, Whether doth hee catechize the youth of his Parish vpon Sundayes or Holydayes before Euening prayer for halfe an houre, or moze, in the Catechisme set forth in the booke of Common prayer: and whether doe all the Parishioners diligently attend his catechizing, and who refuse to send their childezen and seruants to be catechized by him.

Ministers to call
for reliefe of
the poore, and
alms-deeds.

12 Item, Doth your Minister carefully looke to the reliefe of the poore, and from time to time call vpon his Parishioners to giue somewhat according to their ability to godly and charitable vses, especially when they make their Wills.

Simonie.

13 Item, Whether is your Minister suspected, or knowen to haue obtained his Benefice, or Spirituall promotion by any Simoniacall compact directly or indirectly.

Demising of
benefices.

14 Item, Whether doth your Minister demise the profits of his Benefice to any Lay-man aboue one yeere, and is not resident there, and keepeth no hospitalitie vpon his Benefice being of sufficient value.

Conferring with
recusants.

15 Item, Whether hath he being learned and sufficient, conferred with the Popish Recusants of his Parish, endeavouring to reclaime them from their errors, and presenting them being obstinate, for their Recusancie.

Observing of Ro-
gation weeke.

16 Item, Doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes goe in perambulation of the circuit of the Parish, saying and vsing the prayers, suffrages, and thanksgiuing to God, appointed by Law, according to his duetie, thanking God for his blessings, and praying for his grace and fauour.

Preaching, &c.
in priuate hou-
ses.

17 Item, Hath your Minister or any other Preacher made any Sermons, administred the Sacraments, or Churched women in any priuate houses, otherwise then is by Law allowed.

Curates not li-
censed, and lay-
men doing offi-
ces of a Mini-
ster.

18 Item, What Curates or Preachers doe reade prayers, or administer the Sacraments in your Parish, without lawfull licence from the Bishop of the Diocesse vnder his hand and seale, according to the Canon: or doth any Lay-man, not hauing holy Orders, presume to reade publike prayers in the Church.

19 Item,

Articles.

19 Item, Whether haue you any Preacher or Lecturer in your Parish, and whether (if any such be) he doth twice at the least euery yeere reade himselſe Diuine Seruice both morning and euening two ſeuerall Sundayes publikely in his Surplice; and alſo twice in the yeere admi- niſter both Sacraments, with ſuch rites and ceremonies as are preſcrib- ed in the booke of Common prayer, according to the 56. Canon.

Lecturers and Preachers to reade ſeruice.

20 Item, Whether is your Miniſter ſtudious in the holy Scrip- tures, and abſtaineth from Mechanicall trades, or labour not beſitting his function, and from apparell unſeemely for his calling, and from ga- ming, ſwearing, and drunkenneſſe, and in frequenting from Innes, Tauerneſ, and Tipling houſes, and ſitting and drinking inordinate- ly in the ſame, or ſuch notorious ſcandals: or is there any in your Pariſh, who hauing bene admitted into holy Orders, either Deacon or Mi- niſter, doth reſquith or forſake his calling, and liueth in the courſe of his life as a Lay man.

Conuerſation of the Miniſter.

Ministers forſa- king their cal- ling.

21 Item, Whether doth your Miniſter beſore the ſeuerall times of the adminiſtration of the Lords Supper, admoniſh and exhort his Pa- riſhioners, if they haue their conſciences troubled and diſquieted, to re- ſort vnto him, or ſome other learned Miniſter, and open his griefe, that hee may receiue ſuch ghofly counſell, and comfort, as his conſcience may bee relieved, and by the Miniſter hee may receiue the benefit of abſolution, to the quiet of his conſcience, and auoiding of the ſcruple; And if any man confeſſe his ſecret and hidden finnes being ſicke or whole to the Miniſter, for the unburchening of his conſcience, and receiuing ſuch ſpirituall conſolation, doth or hath the ſaid Miniſter at any time reuealed and made knownen to any perſon whatſoeuer, a- ny crime or offence ſo committed to his truſt and ſecrecie, contrary to the 113. Canon.

Ministers reuea- ling priuate confeſſions.

Articles concerning Matrimony.

Titul. 5.

Firſt, Whether there be any in your Pariſh that haue married with- in the degrees of affinitie, or conſanguinitie by the Law of God for- bidden; if any, what be they.

Marriage with- in Leuiticall degrees.

2 Item, Whether haue any bene married ſecretly in priuate hou- ſes, or without their parents or gouernours conſent ſignified, being vnder the age of 21. yeeres.

Priuate marri- age, and with- out conſent of Parents.

3 Item, Whether doe any perſons lawfully married, liue aſunder unlawfully, and in whom is the default.

Married perſon liuing apart.

Articles.

Marriage with-
out banns, and
licence.

4 Item, Whether any persons, (the Banns being not thrice published in the Church,) haue beene married without licence lawfully obtained, who were present at such mariages, and what Minister married them.

Persons married
out of their
parishes.

5 Item, Whether any persons by licence or without haue beene married in your Parish Church, neither of them at that time dwelling in your Towne.

Recusants mar-
riage.

6 Item, What Popish Recusants or their children haue been married in your Parish, in what sort was that Matrimony solemnized, when and by whom.

Bigamy.

7 Item, As there any in your Parish that is voiced, noted, and credibly reported and accused to haue two wiues living, or two husbands.

Articles concerning the Churchwardens.

Titul. 6.
Election of
Churchwar-
dens.

First, whether be the Churchwardens chosen by the Minister and Parishioners, according to the 89. Canon, and whether hath any taken vpon him to be Churchwarden being not so chosen: Or hath any continued aboue one yeere in his office without a new choise.

Churchwardens
due accompt.

2 Item, Whether haue any Churchwardens retained any of the Church goods, and not made a iust account of what they haue receiued and expended.

Churchwardens
diligent in the
Church.

3 Item, Haue they bene and are they diligent in their office, to see decencie kept in the Church, and order in the time of Common prayer, and administration of the Sacraments, and that there be no disturbance, but sobernesse and quietnesse in the Church. And doe the Churchwardens keepe a booke in your Parish, wherein the name of enery strange Preacher in your Parish is set down; & haue the Churchwardens suffered any to Preach not shewing or hauing no licence,

A booke for
range Prea-
chers.

Articles concerning the Parishioners.

Titul. 7.
Prophaning the
 Lords day.

First, Whether doe any in your Parish prophane the Sunday by unlawfull games, drinking, or tippling in the time of Common Prayer, or Sermon; and by working, and doing the ordinary workes of their vocation and trades.

Impugning the
rites and go-
uernment of
the Church;

2 Item, As there any in your Parish that doe impugne or speake against the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them; and the gouernement of this Church vnder his Maiestie, by Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall officers.

Reuerent beha-
viour at Di-
uine seruice,

3 Item, Who in your Parish doe come to the Sermon onely, and not to diuine Seruice, and who doe not reuerently behaue themselves during

Articles.

during the time of diuine Seruice, deuoutly kneeling when the general Confession of sinnes, the Letany, the ten Commandements, and all Prayers and Collects are read : and vsing all duly and lowly reuerence when the blessed name of the Lord Iesus is mentioned, and standing vp when the Articles of the Beliefe, and the Gospel are read : or who doe couer their heads in the Church, during the whole time of diuine Seruice, vnesse it bee in case of necessitie, in which case they may weare a nightcap. Or who doe giue themselves to babling, talking, or walking, and are not attentiu to heare the Word read and preached.

4 Item, Is there any of your Parish, hauing a Preacher to their Minister, that doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to other places to heare other Preachers : or doe any in your Parish Communicate, or Baptize their children in any other Parish.

Leauing their owne Churches to goe to other.

5 Item, Is there any in your Parish that refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselves to receiue the Communion of your Minister, taking exception against him : or haue any wiues that refuse to come to Church, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, to giue thanks to God for their safe deliuerance, in a decent habite, as hath bene anciently accustomed.

Exception against the Minister.

Churching of women.

6 Item, hath any in your Parish spoken slanderous and reprochfull words against your Minister, to the scandall of his vocation, or against their marriage or wiues, or against his neighbour, defaming them touching any crime of Ecclesiasticall cognizance.

Disgracing of Ministers.

7 Item, Whether doe any in your Parish exercise any trade, or labour, buy or sell, or keepe open shops, or set out any wares to bee sold vpon Sundayes and Holy-dayes by themselves, their seruants, or apprentices, or haue otherwise prophaned the said dayes.

Opening of shops vpon holydayes.

8 Item, Whether is the 27. of March, and the fifth of Nouember kept holy, and thanksgiuing made to God, according to the order set forth in that behalfe.

Keeping holy of 27. March, 5. Nouember.

9 Item, Is there any in your Parish that bee, or are commonly knowne or reputed to be blasphemers of Gods holy Name, drunkards, adulterers, fornicators, incestuous persons, concealers or harbourers of fornicators or adulterers : haue any bene detected of such notorious crimes, and what penance haue they done for the same.

Adultery, fornication, incest, &c.

10 Item, What corporall punishment for any such offences, haue bene commuted and changed into a pecuniary mulct or sum of money by any Ecclesiasticall Iudge, exercising iurisdiction within this Diocese, by vertue of any Grant or Commission ; or what was the sum of money

Commutation of Penance.

Articles.

money by them or any of them so received and taken, and to what use was the same bestowed: or whether upon such commutations, was the unfained repentance of the delinquents published in the Church.

Persons dying
since the 1. of
March, 1638.

11 Item, What person or persons haue died and departed this mortall life, since the first day of March last past, and whether did they make any last Wills or Testaments, and who were their Executors, or whether died they intestate, and who hath the Administration of their goods; and what be the names of such deceased, and Executors, and Administrators.

Administring of
goods without
authority.

12 Item, Whether haue any in your Parish administred the goods of any person deceased without lawfull authority, and before hee or they haue proued the Will and Testament of the partie deceased, or haue obtained commission from the Ordinary to dispose of the said moouable goods; or are there any Wills vnproued, or goods not administred.

Excommunicate
persons.

13 Item, What persons bee excommunicate within your Parish, and for what cause to your knowledge: and whether doe any of them repaire to the church in time of Prayer, vnabsolved.

Tit. 8.

Articles concerning Schoolemasters, Physitians and Chyrurgions, and Parish Clerkes.

Schoolemasters
not licenced.

First, Is there any Schoolemaster in your Parish, that teacheth publikely or priuately, not licensed by the Ordinarie or the Bishop of the Diocesse. Doth he teach any Papists or Sectaries children, that come not to church. And doeth hee instruct all his schollers to learne the shorter Catechisme, by Law established, contained in the Booke of common Prayer. Is hee a graduate, and sufficient to teach.

Dutie of all
Schoolemasters.

Physitians not
licenced.

2 Item, What Physician or Chyrurgion is in your Parish vnlicensed, and being not a Doctor of physicke in either of the Uniuersities, doeth practise physicke. And what ignorant persons haue left their trade, and taken vpon them to profess Physicke, or Chyrurgerie; and who be they that so abuse the people.

Parish Clerkes.

3 Item, Haue you a fit parish Clarke, aged 20. yeeres at least, of honest life, able to read and write. Are his and the Sextons wages paid without fraud; if not, then whose default is it. By whom is hee chosen: is hee diligent in his office, and seruiceable to the Minister; doeth hee meddle with any thing aboue his office; doeth hee keepe the Church cleane, the doores locked. Is any thing lost and spoiled by his default, and doeth he execute his office duely.

Articles.

Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall offices.

Titul. 9.

First, Whether bee there any Ecclesiasticall officers, that exercise Excessive fees. Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this Diocese, that take and receive, or exact any extraordinary and excessive fees for any cause. Whether haue your Churchwardens and Questmen, concealed any abuses, or offences punishable in the Ecclesiasticall court; and whether such offences being presented are suppressed and unpunished.

2 Item, Whether is there not a table of Fees in euery Court, of Tables of fees in Courts. the Consistory, Archdeacons, and Commissaries, allowed and subscribed by the Judge and Register of the court of Consistory Anno Dom. 1597. and the same euery Court day hung by in some publike place of the Court, and Registry. And whether both the Register of your courts take more for Willes, and Administrations and other things, then is set downe in that Table.

3 Item, Doeth any Ecclesiasticall Judge speed any act in any cause priuately of himselfe, and not in presence of some publike Notarie, or Actuarie. Speeding of Acts without a Notarie.

4 Item, Whether is there any excessive number of Apparitors and Sumners in this Diocese: or haue any of them vnder pretence of authoritie cited or summoned any person unlawfully, or hath taken any reward for the concealing of any offence or sinne, or the auoiding of punishment of the offenders, and who bee they that haue done so; or doe they take any fees not accustomed. Haue they threatned any to prosecute them if they had no reward, and doe they summon any without a Citation first had. Abuses in apparitors and Sumners.

5 Item, Hath any Ecclesiasticall Judge, or Officer, Advocate, Register, Proctor, Clerkes, or other such ministers any way abused themselves in their offices, contrary to the law and Canons in that behalfe provided. Abuses in Ecclesiasticall offices.

6 Item, Lastly, Whether haue you and euery of you, sincerely, Sincerity and impartialitie in the Inquisition. rightly, and without any partiall affection, and concealing, presented and made knowne all and euery the offenders in any of the matters mentioned in the precedent Articles exhibited vnto you, either as they are taken in truth to be, or by common fame reported.

If you know of any other default or crime of Ecclesiasticall cognisance, you are to present the same.

The

Articles.

The Ministers of every Parish may ioyn in presentment with the Churchwardens and Side-men, and if they will not present, then the Ministers themselves (being the persons that should haue the chiefe care for the suppressing of sinne and impietie in their parishes) may present the crimes aforesaid, and such things as shall be thought to require due reformation. Can. 113.

There must be severall presentments made to every severall Article.

FINIS.

Hos Articulos sub hisce Titulis in hac visitatione, 1629.
proponit inquirendos,

FRAT. NORVICENSIS.

